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SUBJECT:U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN SYRIA

REF: A) STATE 291277; B) STATE 295612

1. COUNTRY TEAM HAS CAREFULLY CONSIDERED THE STATEMENT OF US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES REF B AND HAS THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS WITH REGARD TO IT.

2. REGARDING SECTION I, MAINTENANCE OF A SYRIAN COMMITMENT TO THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT EFFORT, WE HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH GOALS AS STATED EXCEPT THAT IN CURRENT SITUATION THEY SOUND RATHER OPTIMISTIC.

WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE LESSER INCLUDED US GOALS OF PREVENTING SYRIA FROM DISRUPTING ELEMENTS OF THE PEACE PROCESS CARRIED ON IN OTHER FORUMS AND OF STAVING OFF ANOTHER ARAB-ISRAELI WAR SPECIFICALLY STATED.

3. WITH REGARD TO SECTION II, STRENGTHENING AND BROADENING OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS, WE RECOMMEND: A) REVISING SECOND SUB-PARAGRAPH TO READ "ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONSHIPS AS A BASIS OF COMMON INTEREST AND BENEFIT THAT WILL COMPLEMENT POLITICAL

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RELATIONS, INCREASE THE SYRIAN LEADERSHIP'S INTEREST IN ITS OWN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND CUSHION THE US-SYRIAN RELATIONSHIP AGAINST THE EFFECTS OF POLITICAL DISAGREEMENTS." B) ADD A NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH: "CONTINUE THE TREND IN THE US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO HELP ASSURE THAT SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS BENEFITS WIDELY THROUGHOUT THE SYRIAN POPULATION." C) ADD A

NEW SUB-PARAGRAPH: "CONTINUE TO DEVELOP BILATERAL COOPERATION  
IN THE AREA OF NARCOTICS TRAFFIC CONTROL." D) IN THE SUB-  
PARAGRAPH BEGINNING "CONTINUE TO WORK" DELETE ARTICLE "THE"  
FROM PHRASE "TO DEVELOPING THE BILATERAL RELATIONS." E)  
REWORD FINAL SUB-PARAGRAPH: "ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF  
VISITS BY AMERICAN AND SYRIAN OFFICIALS, LEGISLATORS,  
PROFESSIONALS AND OTHERS."

4. REGARDING SECTION III, INCREASED RESPECT FOR HUMAN  
RIGHTS, REVISE FINAL PHRASE OF THE FINAL SUB-PARAGRAPH TO  
READ: "ENCOURAGE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION OF THEIR  
APPLICATIONS TO TRAVEL ABROAD AND TO EMIGRATE."

5. IN SECTION IV, SYRIAN MODERATION ON REGIONAL AND  
GLOBAL ISSUES, IN THE FOURTH SUB-PARAGRAPH DELETE WORDS  
"THE PROCESS OF."  
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